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5 IN RE: In the Matter of the Albion-Sheridan Township  
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11 of the Deponent, Donald Hull.12 REPORTED BY: ACRO COURT REPORTERS, INC.  
13 (Toni L. VanSyckle, Reporter)14 At Albion City Hall, 112 Case Street, Albion  
15 Michigan, on Thursday, June 4, 1992 commencing at or about  
16 the hour of 2:05 p.m.  
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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay, who was the supervisor then when you were  
3 president?

4 A. There wasn't any supervisors.

5 Q. How many employees were there while Mr. Blyveis was  
6 there?

7 A. Probably four to six.

8 Q. And then when you were president?

9 A. About the same amount.

10 Q. Okay. And how long did you work for Blyveis?

11 A. 35 years.

12 Q. Okay, so that would be till roughly 1978?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And where was your next job?

15 A. City of Albion.

16 Q. And when did you begin employment there?

17 A. 1981.

18 Q. Did you ever work for a company called White Hull?

19 A. I was a sole proprietor.

20 Q. During what time period did you -- were you the sole  
21 proprietor?

22 A. 1962, 1980.

23 Q. What was the nature of White Hull's business?

24 A. Reclamation, salvage of material from Albion Malable,  
25 and hauling out waste sand, terminology waste foundry

1 Q. It was Hayes-Albion at that time?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. I see. Did Hayes-Albion contract with someone else  
4 then, do you know?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you remember what the name of the company was?

7 A. No, I don't. I know they were from Jackson.

8 Q. What were your responsibilities while you were at the  
9 City of Albion?

10 A. I was superintendent of streets.

11 Q. And briefly could you describe those responsibilities?

12 A. Keep the streets clean of debris and repair asphalt,  
13 taking care of the tree dump where they take the tree  
14 limbs and things and burning that off periodically,  
15 maintenance of the trucks within the city. That covers  
16 about most of the time.

17 Q. Were you responsible for contracting with Gordon  
18 Stevick in any way for the use of his landfill?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Were your responsibilities while you were working for  
21 the city in any way related to waste disposal?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And how were those responsibilities related to waste  
24 disposal?

25 A. Terminology of waste disposal the city has a spring

1 clean up, usually middle of May and all the debris your  
2 home may have and your home that didn't go in the  
3 garbage and that would be put on the curb or gutter and  
4 city trucks come around and pick it up.

5 Q. And that was once a year you say?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you ever pick up any material from industries  
8 during that spring clean up or was that just  
9 households?

10 A. Just households, yes.

11 Q. Okay. And how long did you work for the City of  
12 Albion?

13 A. Ten years and a month.

14 Q. Ten years and a month, okay. So until roughly 1991?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And were you employed after that?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Why did you leave the city in 1991?

19 A. I was here long enough to be vested to retire and have  
20 a pension.

21 Q. Okay. So you retired?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Enjoying your retirement?

24 A. Well, it didn't start out too well.

25 Q. All right, have you ever been deposed before, and by

1           when you brought drums out from McGraw Edison, where  
2           would you place those drums, do you remember?

3   A.   Seems like they had a roadway in there, a gate and just  
4           went in there and placed them in the landfill area.

5   Q.   Was it dug like a pit or was it just on the surface?

6   A.   Somewhere it might be a pit, yes.

7   Q.   Do you know whether drums were buried out there?

8   A.   I don't know.

9   Q.   When you would go out there, would you see the drums  
10          that you brought the week before out there?

11   A.   I don't know.

12   Q.   Do you ever remember driving down the driveway that  
13          goes into the landfill, the dummy area, and as you were  
14          driving in to drop off the drums do you remember seeing  
15          any drums already there?

16   A.   No.

17   Q.   Do you know whether there were any other companies that  
18          used that landfill for disposing of their waste?

19   A.   The City of Albion and the two townships, they had  
20          industries that delivered material out there.

21   Q.   Were the containers ever returned from McGraw Edison,  
22          in other words, did you ever bring material, paint,  
23          waste from McGraw Edison out to the landfill, dump the  
24          material and bring the drums back?

25   A.   No.